

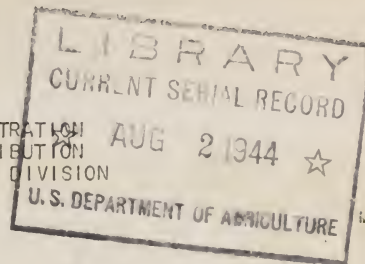
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REGIONAL OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

THE REGIONAL OFFICE HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN THE COMPLETION OF ODDS AND ENDS OF THE SEASON'S WORK. FOR SOME TIME WE HAVE HAD ONLY ONE SECRETARY, AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ARRIVAL OF MRS. ENDA C. ARNETT FROM MEMPHIS, TO COMPLETE OUR SECRETARIAL FORCE.

MR. BOHNERT RETURNED FROM A FIELD TRIP, ACCOMPANIED BY MR. RONALD E. BETTS OF WASHINGTON. MR. BETTS HAD BEEN GIVING A REFRESHER COURSE IN STATISTICAL PROCEDURE AT OUR VARIOUS OFFICES, AND HAS GONE OVER WITH US HERE CERTAIN SUGGESTED CHANGES FOR NEXT SEASON. INASMUCH AS WE CLASSSED PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE COTTON IN THIS REGION UNDER THE SMITH-DOXEY ACT, WE USED ALL OF THE SXP SAMPLES THAT WERE CLASSSED LAST SEASON FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES. THIS WORKED OUT SO WELL THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING USING ALL UPLAND COTTON CLASSSED THE COMING SEASON, INSTEAD OF SELECTING STATISTICAL GINS.

MR. BETTS WAS ALSO VERY HELPFUL IN WORKING OUT SOME NEEDED CHANGES IN MARKET NEWS PROCEDURE.

MR. EUGENE BLAIR, OF THE CROP REPORTING BOARD, WAS A VISITOR IN THE OFFICE DURING THE WEEK.

QUOTATIONS FROM FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORTS

BAKERSFIELD - FAIR WEATHER WITH DAILY TEMPERATURES FAST APPROACHING THE ONE HUNDRED DEGREE MARK HAS ENABLED COTTON TO MAKE SPLENDID PROGRESS. CHOPPING HERE IN KERN COUNTY SHOULD BE COMPLETED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAT ACREAGE PLANTED AFTER POTATOES, BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK. SAMPLE ROOM ACTIVITY WAS CONFINED TO THE CLASSING OF ONLY FORTY-SEVEN FORM A SAMPLES FOR A FIRM LOCATED IN FRESNO. GIN REPORTS FOR ALL GINS IN FRESNO AND MADERA COUNTIES WERE PLACED IN THE MAIIS, THEREBY COMPLETING THIS PHASE OF OUR WORK. MR. RONALD E. BETTS, TOGETHER WITH MR. GOHMERT AND THE WRITER, ARRIVED FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA, LATE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, AFTER HAVING MET AT THE PHOENIX OFFICE FOR A CONFERENCE ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY. A VERY PROFITABLE DISCUSSION WAS HAD AND IT IS FELT THAT A MUCH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CERTAIN PHASES OF OUR WORK WAS ATTAINED. WE APPRECIATED HAVING MR. BETTS OUT HERE ON THE COAST, AND TRUST THAT HE AS WELL AS OTHERS FROM OUR WASHINGTON OFFICE WILL PAY US FREQUENT VISITS. TRADE SOURCES REVEAL LITTLE OR NO CHANGE IN MARKET CONDITIONS, WITH PRACTICALLY NO BUSINESS BEING TRANSACTED. LIGHT INQUIRIES WERE RECEIVED FROM SOUTHEASTERN AND EASTERN MILLS FOR PROMPT SHIPMENT.....SMITH.

EL PASO - THE WEATHER HAS BEEN FAIRLY FAVORABLE FOR COTTON BUT WE ARE STILL HAVING SOME HIGH WINDS AT INTERVALS. COTTON IS NOT PROGRESSING VERY RAPIDLY AND IS HAVING A HARD TIME OVERCOMING HANDICAPS CAUSED BY THE LATE SPRING CONDITIONS, EARLY AND REPLANTED COTTON IN MOST CASES SHOW THE SEVERE DRUBBING IT HAS TAKEN BY THE HIGH WINDS AND EARLY COOL WEATHER. ONLY A SMALL PERCENT OF THE COTTON IS LARGE ENOUGH FOR CHOPPING AT THE PRESENT WRITING. OFFICE ACTIVITY HAS BEEN CONFINED TO REGULAR ROUTINE AND GENERAL SMITH-DOXEY WORK. WE HAVE JUST BEEN ADVISED THAT THE SXP GROWERS OF 1943-44 SEASON WILL BE ENTITLED TO REFUND, OR RATHER AN INCREASE OF THE C.C.C. SUPPORT PRICE, NOT TO EXCEED 183 POINTS. ALL GROWERS ARE ENTITLED TO THIS PROVIDED THEIR COTTON WAS #3 OR BETTER IN GRADE, AND 1-3/8 OR LONGER IN STAPLE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY SOLD TO THE C.C.C. OR TO COMMERCIAL FIRMS. THIS SHOULD PUT AROUND \$200,000 IN THE POCKETS OF SXP GROWERS IN THE EL PASO AREA ALONG. WE WILL PROBABLY BE BUSY AT INTERVALS DURING THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS, GIVING PRODUCERS WHO SOLD TO COMMERCIAL FIRMS THE DESIRED CLASSING DATA SO THAT THEY CAN FILE PROPER CLAIM WITH THE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION. MR. BUTTERWORTH AND MR. MACKEIL RETURNED THURSDAY P.M. FROM PHOENIX, WHERE THEY HAD BEEN FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS ATTENDING A CONFERENCE ON GENERAL S-D WORK, STATISTICAL WORK AND MARKET NEWS. SEVERAL DEFINITE DECISIONS WERE MADE AT THIS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO GIVE BETTER SERVICE FOR THE COMING SEASON. THE BASIS IS STILL UNCHANGED TO SLIGHTLY LOWER AND TRADING IN THIS MARKET PRACTICALLY AT A STANDSTILL...NISBETT

PHOENIX - THE WEATHER HAS BEEN FAIR AND WARMER THE PAST WEEK, AND COTTON PLANTING IS PRACTICALLY ALL COMPLETED. ACCORDING TO FIGURES THE MARICOPA COUNTY AGENT HAS RECEIVED FROM SMITH-DOXEY APPLICANTS IT APPEARS THAT THIS COUNTY WILL HAVE BETWEEN FORTY-FIVE AND FIFTY THOUSAND ACRES PLANTED TO UPLAND COTTON THIS SEASON, WHICH IS A REDUCTION OF TEN TO FIFTEEN PERCENT UNDER LAST

YEAR'S ACREAGE. ALTHOUGH PIMA, PINAL AND GRAHAM COUNTIES ARE EXPECTED TO SHOW A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THEIR ACREAGE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE TOTAL ACREAGE FOR THE STATE WILL BE OVER 150,000 ACRES. THE AAA REPORTED AN ESTIMATE OF 170,000 ACRES SOME TIME AGO. THE FEW REMAINING LOTS OF CCC SXP WERE CLASSED THIS WEEK, WHICH COMPLETED THE CLASSING AND LOTTING OF SOME 5500 BALES OF THIS COTTON. MR. ERB LEFT THURSDAY MORNING TO BEGIN A TRIP ON WHICH HE EXPECTS TO COVER THE ENTIRE FIELD. WE WERE VERY GLAD ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK TO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING GENTLEMEN FROM OUR VARIOUS OFFICES: MR. R. E. BETTS, WASHINGTON, D.C.; MR. S. R. GOHMERT, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL; MR. A.L. SMITH, BAKERSFIELD, CAL.; MR. HUGHES BUTTERWORTH, EL PASO, TEXAS; AND MR. MACKELL, EL PASO, TEXAS. IN GOING OVER THE DIFFERENT PHASES OF OUR WORK FOR THE COMING SEASON, CONSIDERABLE TIME WAS SPENT DISCUSSING THE MARKET NEWS WORK AND THE STATISTICAL SIGNUP. WE FEEL MUCH GOOD WAS ACCOMPLISHED, AND WISH SUCH MEETINGS COULD BE HELD MORE FREQUENTLY. THE COTTON MARKET CONTINUES TO BE VERY QUIET..... CRITTENDON. YAL

LOS ANGELES - THE WEATHER HAS BEEN CLOUDY AND FOGGY FOR THE PAST WEEK, WITH VERY LITTLE SUNSHINE. THE THERMOMETER HAS RANGED FROM 45 TO 70 DEGREES. PRODUCTION HAS RUN ABOUT 16,500 NET POUNDS. THE FLAME PROOFING EQUIPMENT WILL PROBABLY BE SHUT DOWN FOR THE MOST OF NEXT WEEK, AS THE FACTORY IS PLANNING TO INSTALL SOME NEW EQUIPMENT WHICH THEY ANTICIPATE WILL MAKE THIS OPERATION MORE UNIFORM AND DEPENDABLE AS WELL AS MORE ECONOMICAL. NO SHIPMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE LAST WEEKLY REPORT.....DORR.

COTTON CLASSED, WESTERN REGION, THROUGH MAY 26, 1944.

	WEEK	SEASON						
	TOTAL	CROP	O.G.	FORM A	LOAN	FUTURES	OTHERS	TOTAL
BAKERSFIELD	47		327,108	3201			958	331,267
EL PASO	NONE		175,327	760			4065	180,152
PHOENIX	225		122,946	192	292		5525	128,955
TOTAL	272		625,381	4153	292		10548	640,374

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